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For an ex-Republican, Foss is preaching some pretty good Democratic doctrine in Massachusetts.

President Taft's message preached statesmanship all the way through. At least that is what the New York World says.

There are more lame ducks among the Republican Congressmen in Washington at this session of Congress than has been there at one time since 1892, when Cleveland went in on a tidal wave. They are visible on every hand.

The Columbia Record says: "Louisiana Democrats have elected another Republican to Congress. His name is J. R. Thornton, formerly a judge." We did not know that Louisiana had a Republican in Congress. Will the Record please explain.

It was reported during the last campaign that Carnegie had contributed a large sum to the Democratic campaign fund in New York. The published reports of the contributions show that Carnegie gave the Republicans \$20,000, but not a cent did he give the Democrats.

Our relations with Japan are badly strained again. Several young ladies of Pasadena, Cal., have recently refused to accept invitations to a ball given in honor of Japanese naval officers of high rank, because they did not wish to meet them in a social way.

They have just caught up with a woman in New York who made a practice of stepping on banana peels and suing the railways. She got \$5,000 in four years from seventeen railway and steamship companies. All sorts of schemes are resorted to to swindle the railroads in damage suits.

A woman recently whipped a man on the main street of Mobile, Ala., with a horsewhip because, as she explained to the police, the man had told her a lie. If it becomes general for women to horsewhip men for telling them lies, the demand for horsewhips is going to be greatly increased.

In Massachusetts it is unlawful to circulate political circulars unsigned. We agree with the Columbia Record that "it is a mighty good law, and our South Carolina legislators would do well to copy it. No person should be allowed to stab another in the back metaphorically any more than physically."

This has been an epoch-making week in the Southland. The Corn Exposition held in Columbia was an event of great importance. It means the independence of the South in the matter of her bread and meat. She will no longer have her corn crib and her smoke house in the West, which means plenty and prosperity within her borders greater than ever known before in her history.

In replying to an abusive article from the pen of Thos. E. Watson, Mr. Seely, editor of the Georgian, concludes that Watson, his former friend, is either "a pitiable lunatic or a scoundrel who is attempting to live by blackmail and depraved lying. Personally, Mr. Seely says he is inclined to believe that the latter can not be true." He thinks Watson is crazy.

The Republicans on the Ballinger investigating committee have done exactly what they were appointed to do, and what everybody expected them to do, whitewash Ballinger. If they think the people of the country will accept their vindication of Ballinger, they are mistaken. He is the tool of the interests, and his partisans on the committee can't conceal that fact with all the whitewash that they can smear over him.

John Cuffie, a Greenville negro who is sentenced to be hanged on the first Friday in January for killing his wife, is a good subject for executive clemency. He went home one night unexpectedly and caught a white man in a compromising position with his wife, and in attempting to kill the unprincipled white man, he killed his wife. Being a strong believer in the unwritten law, we think that Cuffie should be pardoned by Gov. Ansel.

In noticing the death of Commander Platt, U. S. N., a Washington dispatch says he "piloted the Federal fleet, under Admiral Dupont, into Charleston harbor in 1862, taking the first fire of the Confederate shore batteries, as he pointed the way in the small pilot vessel, and sticking to his wheel after a shell had demolished the pilot house and given him a severe concussion." We think this is pure fiction. As a boy we saw that battle. We saw the Federal monitors as they came up to the attack, but we do not remember seeing any little pilot boat leading them.

Nip It in the Bud.

General Frederick D. Grant, commander of the Department of the East is the latest advocate of compulsory military service in the United States, but the idea is not and never will be a welcome one in this country, where the volunteer plan has served well enough. Moreover, there has been a large increase of our standing army, the number of regular enlisted soldiers having been augmented from 25,000, some fifteen years ago to about 76,000 at present. The Secretary of the Treasury, in his annual report, shows that during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1910, the disbursements for the War Department amounted to \$165,000,000.

This enormous sum, however, would look like a bunch of small pocket change compared to what the cost would be if every able-bodied man in this country should be required to get "the necessary military training by three years of service in the army." "Just how much," says the Houston Post, "measured in terms of money, the drain upon the productive resources of the country in order to support so stupendous a military system would be, would require some expert figuring to ascertain with exactness but the volume would be something enormous."

There is no doubt about it and the cost of maintaining our present standing army is about as great a burden as the taxpayers care to bear. This army is quite large enough to meet the needs of the country in time of peace, and in war it would have a reserve force in the State National Guard. The policy of universal military service which has been adopted by some of the great European powers will never command the favor of the American people, for the reason that it clashes harshly with our democratic ideals. The German peasant may be willing to carry a soldier on his back, but the American farmer will never accept such a burden and to discuss the idea is a mere waste of time and breath on the part of General Grant and other army officers.

The New Orleans States, from which paper we take the above, says it heartily agrees with the view expressed by the Post that what this country needs to make it invulnerable is not universal military service but the organization of more boys corn clubs. That is true, as true can be, but at the same time this talk about universal military service on the part of our boys should be nipped in the bud, and those military men who are talking it should be made to understand that America is not Germany or Russia.

What the Census Shows.

Had the county of Orangeburg remained intact, and not been cut to form Calhoun county, she would still rank third in point of population among the counties of South Carolina, being outclassed only by Charleston and Spartanburg. She would have held third place without the addition of the good people that have come to her from the county of Berkeley. With these added, she would have pushed Spartanburg county for second place. Even as it is, she ranks 27th, being outclassed only by Anderson, Charleston, Greenville and Spartanburg counties.

Add the 15,000 people she lost when Calhoun county was formed to her present population of nearly 56,000, Orangeburg county would have a population of 71,000. She gained about 5,000 population, exclusive of what came to her from Berkeley county, in the last ten years. This is a good showing, as it indicates that Orangeburg county is keeping pace with most of the counties of the State, except the large manufacturing counties of Anderson, Greenville, Richland and Spartanburg. These four counties have grown more rapidly than any counties in the State.

Charleston remains the banner county, with a population of 88,594, with Spartanburg a close second with 83,465. Then follows Anderson with 69,568, Greenville with 68,377, Orangeburg with 55,893 and Richland with 55,143. No other county reaches the 50,000 mark. York county approaching that figure nearest of any other county with 47,718. Pickens county bears the banner for proportionate increase, percentages of the leaders being, approximately: Pickens, 23.8; Chesterfield, 22.4; Greenville, 21.8; Spartanburg, 21.5; Florence, 20.1; Anderson, 19.9; Richland, 17.3; Greenwood, 17.2.

Like the county of Orangeburg, Marion and Sumter lost heavily in population by the formation of new counties, and therefore had decreases of 14,585 and 12,765 respectively. Darwell also had a decrease of 1,295, Beaufort 5,140, Berkeley 6,967, Dorchester 393, Georgetown 578 and Hampton 3,217. Except in the case of Berkeley, which ceded part of her territory to Orangeburg, it is hard to explain the decreases in these counties. We do not believe that there has been a real decrease in any of them. The apparent decrease, we believe, was caused by the failure to get all the people in these counties. Or it may be caused by the emigration of negroes.

The Boy of the Hour.

While the baseball and foot ball champions, along with the great by orators and essayists of the college world, are receiving their chaplets of honor for one achievement or another, we wish to call attention to Master Jerry Moore, of Florence county, who may or may not be an athlete or a scholar, but who has done something to put his State in the limelight of publicity and that makes him truly the boy of the hour. He is less than fifteen years of age and weighs less than one hundred pounds, but he has produced a little more than two hundred and twenty-eight bushels of corn on a single acre at a price that made his crop a very profitable one. He won several

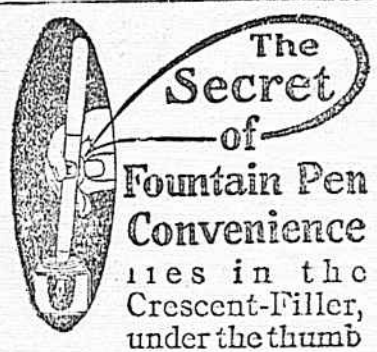
prizes in his county and at the Corn Exposition in Columbia. Besides these prizes Jerry wins a trip to the nation's capital at the expense of the government. His name and his achievement will go into the history of South Carolina, and he will be pointed to as a boy whose achievements are worthy of emulation. South Carolina has thousands of boys like Jerry Moore. Many of the participants in the corn contests in their respective counties and municipalities as producers of corn. Why they did not raise as much on their acres as Jerry did, still they are entitled to an equal share of the well-done of the State for the part they played so well in the pioneer movement of teaching the farmers of the South that the place for their corn crib and smoke house are at home and not in the West. Jerry Moore and all the boys who joined with him in the great corn revival in South Carolina, are entitled to our warmest commendation for the wonderful lessons they have taught and the benefit they have been to the State in showing her wonderful adaptability to the raising of corn of the very best variety.

Estate Notices.

On the 8th day of January, 1911, I will file with the Judge of Probate for Orangeburg county, S. C., my final account as executrix of the last Will and Testament of William F. McMillan, deceased, and will thereupon ask for my discharge as such executrix.

All persons having claims against the estate of the said William F. McMillan, deceased, are hereby required to prove their respective demands before the undersigned, on or before the 7th day of January, 1911, or be debarred payment.

Harriett G. McMillan,
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For sale—Georgia Cane Syrup at 25 cents per gallon in 35 gallon barrels. Also home made vinegar at 20 cents per gallon. Fine grape cider at 25 cents per gallon in 16 gallon kegs. W. H. Davis 1208 Taylor street, Columbia, S. C. 10-25-8

Shooting Match—On Monday beginning at 10 o'clock at the store of W. S. Lee, Jr., about six miles from Orangeburg on the Ninety Six road. There will be about 20 turkeys, 50 chickens and five or six small hogs. The public is invited. 12-9-5

Christmas Thoughts.

The festive season is now drawing near and the thoughts of one and all are drifting into the happy channel of conferring pleasure to the hearts of others. The all absorbing question of the next three weeks is: What shall I give? This problem is easily solved by taking a look at the large and varied stock now shown to such an advantage in my newly fitted up store. MY thoughts are: What shall I do to help you in this busy time of getting ready for the coming Christmas season? I simply offer for your inspection a beautiful and great array of Christmas goods; Watches, Clocks, Locketts, Chains, Lavalieres, Rings, Pins, Cuff Buttons, Silver Purses, Thinbles; gold and silver, Bracelets, and everything in the jewelry line. Novelties, handsome Leather Hand Bags, Card Cases, Playing Cards in cases, Wallets, Bill Books, Cigar Cases, Jewel Boxes, Mirrors, hand painted China, Cut Glass, Silverware, etc. Something can be found to suit father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife and last but not least, sweetheart. Prices are right and courteous attention will be shown to all.

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